

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: (Anticipated) S. Hon  
R. SCOTT ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: (Anticipated) 1772  
Application No.: Unassigned )  
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Filed: April 23, 2001 )  
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For: POLYVINYL ALCOHOL )  
COMPOSITIONS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is being filed with the application to properly cross-reference the related applications. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title but prior to Line 2, please insert:

"This application is a continuation of application SN 09/221,139 filed on December 24, 1998, which claims priority to French Application SN 98/02983 filed on March 11, 1998."

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